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Dear Mr. Khrushchev,

Thank you for your very kind letter of 13 January 1963. I for my part would like to express my great pleasure at working with you again and having the opportunity of renewing our friendship.

I am grateful to you for your kind words about my efforts in facilitating the solution of the Caribbean problem. At the same time, however, I would like to say that these efforts could not have been successful, but for the co-operation shown by the Governments concerned as also your own diplomatic skill.

I share your hope that, in the future, the United Nations will grow as a more and more reliable instrument for strengthening the peace and for the peaceful solution of disputes between states.

In conclusion I wish you a safe return to Moscow and also hope I may have the pleasure of welcoming you again in New York in the near future.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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